

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Appl. No. 10/816,886

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Molecules

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Final, Office Action dated **November 28, 2006**, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and file herewith the necessary fee under § 1.17(a)(1) of \$120.00. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if

OK to enter
3/26/07 J. W.